

CRITERIA FOR POCKET PARK SELECTION
(not listed in order of importance)

1. What is the benefit to the public from the proposed pocket park?
 - a. Are there important natural features, such as trees, water resources or habitat, to be preserved?
 - b. Are there important historic resources to be featured or preserved?
 - c. Will the park provide uses for a population without alternative sites?
 - d. How wide an area will be served by the park? Will it be used by more than just a few neighbors?
2. What is the proposed use of the park? Will the park be perceived as open and inviting to the general public? Will the park be compatible with surrounding uses?
3. To what extent has the neighborhood demonstrated a commitment to assist with funding or other contributions to the park?
 - a. initial acquisition
 - b. development, including equipment, furniture, plantings and “sweat equity.”
 - c. long term maintenance
 - d. is a Friends of the Park organization proposed?
4. How available is the land for the park? (Without considering cost *per se*)
 - a. Is it already in public ownership?
 - b. If not in public ownership, is the owner willing to sell it?
 - c. If not for sale, is the owner willing to donate it, grant a permanent easement on it, or lease it to the city? Will the park be available in perpetuity and, if not, how practical will it be to convert the park use to private use at the end of that time.
5. To what degree does the nomination reflect broad support from the neighborhood to acquire and develop the park, and is there agreement about the specific type of use? Is there a known dissenting view?
6. Is there a need for a pocket park or additional pocket parks in the geographical area of the city where the proposed site is located?

Extended Deadline: April 15, 2005

**OPEN SPACE NOMINATION FORM
POCKET (BLOCK) PARK – 2005**

1. Provide the name and description of the Civic Association or interested group submitting the nomination.
2. Identify the property being proposed. Give its location, with address if available, and include the size and ownership of property if that information is available.
3. Describe the property, providing information about its current use and condition as well as the potential use and function of the property as a pocket (block) park.
4. Describe generally the potential benefit of using the property as a pocket (block) and the scope or geographic area it would serve.
5. Identify the extent of support for the idea of preserving/protecting the property, and please be specific about evidence of the support e.g., whether a vote of members was taken, petition signatures, etc.
6. Identify any funds or other methods of augmenting city funds available for acquisition, landscaping, or maintenance of the proposed park, such as “friends of”...
7. Identify yourself and your relationship to the organization you are representing:

Print name: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____

Address: _____

Please include photos where possible.

E-mail: _____

More than one nomination form may be submitted by the same group or neighborhood. Use additional sheets if necessary. Mail or deliver forms to: **Att: RP&CA Director at 1108 Jefferson Street, Alexandria, VA 22314** or email them to Laura.Durham@Alexandriava.gov. For additional information, please contact Laura Durham, Open Space Coordinator at 703-838-5041. *Nominations may be submitted at any time, but Forms must be received by **April 15, 2005** to be considered as part of the Open Space Steering Committee's recommendations to Council in early 2005.*